

Minutes of the Delta Protection Commission
July 26, 2012

Clarksburg Middle School (Auditorium)
52870 Netherlands Road
Clarksburg, California 95612

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Flag Salute.

Chair Nottoli called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Chair Nottoli; Commissioners Bugsch, Cabaldon, Eggman, Ferrara, Frazier, McGowan, Piepho, Reagan, Schubert and van Loben Sels.

Absent: Commissioners Ferguson, Ruhstaller and Scriven.

3. Public Comment. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Commission on Items Not on the Agenda.

No one addressed the Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve Minutes of March 22, 2012 and May 24, 2012.

Commissioner McGowan moved approval of the Minutes of March 22, 2012 and May 24, 2012; the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Reagan. The March minutes were approved unanimously. The May minutes were approved 8:02; Commissioners Schubert and van Loben Sels abstained.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Adopt Resolutions of Support for the Great California Delta Trail.

Alex Westhoff reported that Delta Trail resolutions in support of bicycle lanes along improved Delta levees and in support of lanes in the Delta along State Routes 4, 12, and 160 were brought before the Commission for approval in March; however, staff was asked to make changes to the language. Mr. Westhoff reported that the changes were made and asked the Commission to approve the resolutions.

Commissioner van Loben Sels stated that bike lanes would pose a problem because no one knows how to insulate those that grow crops from recreationists. He said contact should be made with the County Farm Bureaus to address intensive ag and prevailing winds; along with having further discussions on marrying recreation with the forming of bike lanes.

Commissioner McGowan added that local interests should be included in the discussions. Chair Nottoli concurred.

Mike Machado responded that staff would work with the various agencies to address the concerns. He said that a cross section of participants brought forth the issue at the Hwy 12 Corridor group meeting.

Commissioner Piepho stated that the resolutions should move forward, but amended to highlight conflict with boaters. Commission Cabaldon responded that the issue is not unique to the Delta Trail and would prefer to not see the language added.

Jim Houpt, Friends of the Sacramento River Greenway stated that his organization is in full support of the resolutions. He further stated that his organization sent a letter asking for amendments and noted that it is essential the Commission integrate with the City of Sacramento for the Delta Trail.

Vice Chair Reagan moved approval of the Resolutions of Support for the Great California Delta Trail, with amendments; Commissioner Piepho seconded. The motion was approved 10:1:0 by roll call vote. Commissioner van Loben Sels voted no.

6. Accept Feasibility Study for a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area. Alex Westhoff reported that Commission staff completed the Feasibility Study for a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA), as required by SBX7-1, Section 85301. If accepted by the Commission, the Study would be submitted to a Delta Congressional representative to introduce legislation to establish the NHA.

Mark Wilson, Clarksburg said that he had reservations concerning the NHA as it relates to Hwy 160. He also said that stakeholders should be those inside—not outside the Delta.

Vice Chair Reagan moved approval of the Feasibility Study for the NHA; Commissioner Piepho seconded. The motion was approved 11:1:0 by voice vote. Commissioner McGowan voted no.

7. REPORT on Compliance With Public Resource Code Sections 29763 and 29763.5 by Local Governments in Response to the Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta (Adopted February 25, 2010).

Mike Machado reported that maps being used by the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) were not accurate in stating the Commission's jurisdictional boundaries. He said the County of Sacramento would be submitting its Delta Element and maps for review of consistency with the Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan (Management Plan). In addition, the County of Yolo would be submitting its 2030 General Plan and 2001 Clarksburg Community Plan maps for consistency. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the DSC for inclusion of the maps in the 7th draft of the Delta Plan. The maps will come before the Commission at the September meeting.

Commissioner Piepho asked the status of the Primary Zone Study. Mr. Machado responded the report has been at the Legislature for over a year.

8. Receive Report From the Executive Director, Including Informational Updates on Activities and Other Delta Initiatives.

Mike Machado reported on the activities of Commission staff, ongoing projects, immediate goals, various meetings attended, and outreach efforts.

Commissioner Cabaldon asked that water quality control representatives be included in the Delta trail discussions—particularly with respect to the risks of/exposure to pesticides for those using the Trail.

Commissioner Piepho asked that the list of Economic Sustainability Plan stakeholders be sent to her.

9. Comments and Announcements From Members of the Commission.

Chair Nottoli announced the Pear Fair would take place on Sunday, July 29th in Courtland.

Commissioner Shubert thanked Mr. Machado for briefing the Department of Food and Agriculture on the Economic Sustainability Plan.

10. ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.